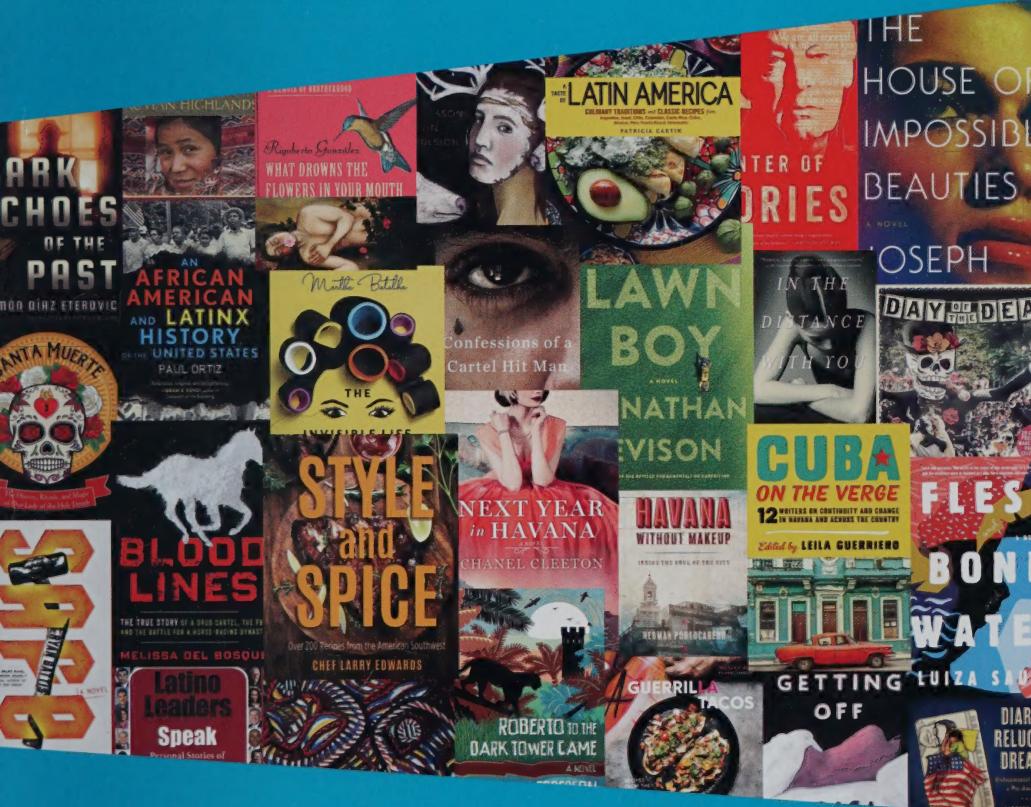


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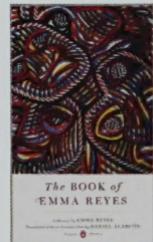
BIOGRAPHY/ BIOGRAFÍA

ALOU: MY BASEBALL JOURNEY

by Felipe Alou with Peter Kerasotis

Though originally studying to become a doctor, Alou instead became the first Dominican to play and become a manager in Major League Baseball.

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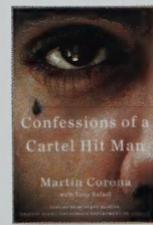


THE BOOK OF EMMA REYES

by Emma Reyes

Comprised of letters spanning over thirty years, this memoir examines the life of artist Emma Reyes, who was abandoned and exploited as a child.

BIOG N6679.R49 A3 2017



CONFESIONES DE UN CARTEL HIT MAN

by Martín Corona with Tony Rafael

This reformed assassin of a Mexican drug cartel describes how he turned state's evidence, ultimately leading to the downfall of the Tijuana Cartel in 2006.

BIOG HV6535.M4 M37 2017X



DIARY OF A RELUCTANT DREAMER: UNDOCUMENTED VIGNETTES FROM A PRE-AMERICAN LIFE

by Alberto Ledesma

Through a mix of prose, cartoons, and other drawings, Ledesma recounts his immigrant experience as part of an undocumented Mexican family living in California.

BIOG PN6727.L379 Z46 2017



ESCAPE ARTIST: MEMOIR OF A VISIONARY ARTIST ON DEATH ROW

by William A. Noguera

Noguera, who has spent thirty-four years on death row in San Quentin State Prison, recounts his daily life and how through creating art he finds redemption and rehabilitation.

BIOG HV6248.N63 A3 2018

THE FAR AWAY BROTHERS: TWO YOUNG MIGRANTS AND THE MAKING OF AN AMERICAN LIFE

by Lauren Markham

Raised in El Salvador amidst civil war and gang violence, teenager Ernest Flores fled to the United States, followed by his twin brother.

BIOG E184.S15 M37 2017



GETTING OFF: ONE WOMAN'S JOURNEY THROUGH SEX AND PORN ADDICTION

by Erica Garza

Born in Los Angeles to Mexican parents, Garza recounts how she overcame the erotic dependencies that nearly destroyed her love life.

BIOG RC560.S43 G37 2018

LATINO LEADERS SPEAK: PERSONAL STORIES OF STRUGGLE AND TRIUMPH

edited by Mickey Ibarra & María Pérez-Brown

This anthology compiles more than two dozen reflective, contemporary essays by Latinx American politicians, businesspeople, journalists, and others.

BIOG E184.S75 L36232 2017

MAP DRAWN BY A SPY

by Guillermo Cabrera Infante

After being stationed at the Cuban embassy in Brussels in the 1960s, this avid Castro supporter becomes disillusioned when he returns to Cuba.

BIOG PQ7389.C233 M3713 2017



MEAN

by Myriam Gurba

In this gritty but humorous memoir, Gurba, a lesbian mixed-race Chicana, looks back at her adolescence and college years in Southern California.

BIOG PS3607.U5485 Z46 2017

NERUDA: THE POET'S CALLING / NERUDA: EL LLAMADO DEL POETA



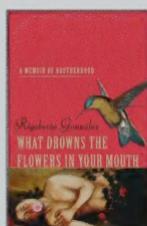
by Mark Eisner

The result of fifteen years of research, this book examines how Neruda's poetry reflected his life, his politics, and the times.

BIOG PQ8097.N4 Z6167 2018

Producto de quince años de investigación, este libro analiza cómo la poesía de Neruda es un reflejo de su vida, de sus ideologías políticas y de su época.

SPANISH PQ8097.N4 Z616718 2018X



WHAT DROWNS THE FLOWERS IN YOUR MOUTH: A MEMOIR OF BROTHERHOOD

by Rigoberto González

This story of the author's family—Mexican immigrants living in California—relates how the bond between brothers ultimately helped them overcome their trauma-filled past.

BIOG PS3557.O4695 Z46 2018

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AT HOME WITH NATALIE: SIMPLE RECIPES FOR HEALTHY LIVING FROM MY FAMILY'S KITCHEN TO YOURS

by Natalie Morales with Ann Volkwein

Host of *Access Hollywood*, Natalie Morales shares over one hundred of her personal recipes for uncomplicated, nutritious meals, sides, and snacks for families on the go.

TX714.M6668288 2018



DAY OF THE DEAD: 20 CREATIVE PROJECTS TO MAKE FOR YOUR PARTY OR CELEBRATION

by Paula Pascual, Phillip Tang, and Rebecca Woods

Celebrate the popular annual Mexican tradition with do-it-yourself projects that include masks and costumes, facial art, decorations, and recipes.

TT900.H6 P385 2017X



GUERRILLA TACOS: RECIPES FROM THE STREETS OF L.A.

by Wesley Avila with Richard Parks III

The chef of Guerrilla Tacos, named "Best Taco Truck" by *LA Weekly*, shares creations that combine authentic Mexican flavors with his own unique variations.

TX836.A95 2017



HUNTER OF STORIES

by Eduardo Galeano

This final work by the eminent Uruguayan author includes stories, anecdotes, and fables that reflect on history, race, oppression, the craft of writing, and death.

PQ8520.17.A4 A2 2017



LESSONS ON EXPULSION: POEMS

by Erika L. Sánchez

In her debut collection, Sánchez, daughter of undocumented Mexican immigrants, presents an unflinching exploration of sex, brutality, racism, and love on both sides of the border.

PS3619.A517 A6 2017X



SANTA MUERTE: THE HISTORY, RITUALS, AND MAGIC OF OUR LADY OF THE HOLY DEATH

by Tracey Rollin

This informative handbook is for those interested in Saint Death, the beloved Mexican folk saint considered by many to be the feminine embodiment of death.

BL504.R65 2017



SECRETS OF SPINNING, WEAVING, AND KNITTING IN THE PERUVIAN HIGHLANDS



by Nilda Callañaupa Alvarez

Andean artisans share some of the basic techniques of their ancient textile arts with full-color, step-by-step instructions for the modern American crafter.

TT848.A71535 2017X



STYLE AND SPICE: OVER 200 RECIPES FROM THE AMERICAN SOUTHWEST



by Larry Edwards

This collection covers a wide variety of specialty dishes with regional flair, including condiments, salads, meats, sides, breads, desserts, and cocktails.

TX715.2.S69 E39 2017X



A TASTE OF LATIN AMERICA: CULINARY TRADITIONS AND CLASSIC RECIPES FROM ARGENTINA, BRAZIL, CHILE, COLOMBIA, COSTA RICA, CUBA, MEXICO, PERU, PUERTO RICO, & VENEZUELA

by Patricia Cartin

Chef Cartin provides a tour of ten countries through distinctive dishes, including sauces, soups, and desserts, for the beginner, intermediate, and skilled cook.

TX716.A1 C3925 2017

TURNIP GREENS & TORTILLAS: A MEXICAN CHEF SPICES UP THE SOUTHERN KITCHEN

by Eddie Hernandez and Susan Puckett

Recipes from the chef of Atlanta's Taqueria del Sol build on the commonalities of Mexican and Southern American cuisine, resulting in a unique fusion of tastes.

TX716.M4 H46 2018

UNACCOMPANIED

by Javier Zamora

Heartfelt poems express the pain, loss, fear, and hope Zamora carried with him on his journey alone from El Salvador to the United States at the age of nine.

PS3626.A62786 A6 2017

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AN AFRICAN AMERICAN AND LATINX HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES

by Paul Ortiz

Revisiting American history from the perspective of Latinx, black, and indigenous peoples reveals that many policies once believed to be noble were in fact detrimental.

E184.S75 O79 2018

BLOODLINES: THE TRUE STORY OF A DRUG CARTEL, THE FBI, AND THE BATTLE FOR A HORSE-RACING DYNASTY

by Melissa Del Bosque

A tip indicating that Los Zetas was using quarter-horse racing to launder money allowed FBI rookie Scott Larson to infiltrate the cartel.

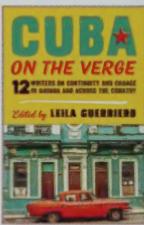
HV5840.M4 D45 2017

THE CORPORATION: AN EPIC STORY OF THE CUBAN AMERICAN UNDERWORLD

by T.J. English

Cuban exiles in 1980s Miami ran a syndicate—known as “The Corporation” by both sides of the law—that rivaled the most notorious American crime families.

HV6446 .E539 2018



CUBA ON THE VERGE: 12 WRITERS ON CONTINUITY AND CHANGE IN HAVANA AND ACROSS THE COUNTRY / CUBA EN LA

ENCRUCIJADA: DOCE PERSPECTIVAS SOBRE LA CONTINUIDAD Y EL CAMBIO EN LA HABANA Y EN TODO EL PAÍS



edited by Leila Guerriero

Six locals and six outsiders present twelve essays that explore Cuban culture and history, contemplate Cuba's current transformational period, and ponder what lies ahead.

F1788.2 .C834 2017X

Seis cubanos y seis extranjeros presentan doce ensayos que exploran la cultura y la historia de Cuba, contemplando el período actual de transformación en Cuba y ponderan lo que se aproxima.

SPANISH F1788.2 .C8318 2018X



HAVANA WITHOUT MAKEUP: INSIDE THE SOUL OF THE CITY

by Herman Portocarero

Explore Havana through the eyes of an ardent admirer as Portocarero covers the political, religious, economic, and social history that continues to shape the city.

F1799.H35 P67 2017X

HUNTING EL CHAPO: THE INSIDE STORY OF THE AMERICAN LAWMAN WHO CAPTURED THE WORLD'S MOST-WANTED DRUG LORD / CAZANDO A EL CHAPO: LA HISTORIA CONTADA DESDE ADENTRO POR EL AGENTE DE LA LEY ESTADOUNIDENSE QUE CAPTURÓ AL NARCOTRAFICANTE MÁS BUSCADO DEL MUNDO

by Andrew Hogan and Douglas Century

Hogan spent eight years hunting El Chapo, the elusive leader of the Sinaloa Cartel, through infiltrating the kingpin's inner circle and documenting the organization's global distribution network.

HV7911.H56 A3 2018X

Hogan pasó ocho años casando a El Chapo, el escurridizo líder del Cártel de Sinaloa, logrando infiltrarse en el círculo íntimo del cabecilla y documentar la red de distribución global de la organización.

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LATINOS IN THE UNITED STATES

by Ilan Stavans

Presented in question-and-answer format, this book explores culture, colonization, politics, immigration, family, art, and language.

E184.S75 S763 2018

LET'S MOVE ON: BEYOND FEAR & FALSE PROPHETS

by Vicente Fox with Sulay Hernández-Elhussein

Former Mexican President Fox gives his perspective on Trump, comparing him to Mexican authoritarians and providing historical anecdotes that repudiate his derisive rhetoric.

E183.8.M6 F68 2018X

THE MAKING OF A DREAM: HOW A GROUP OF YOUNG UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS HELPED CHANGE WHAT IT MEANS TO BE AMERICAN

by Laura Wides-Muñoz

In coming out of the shadows to fight for a better life, a group of undocumented young people risked deportation to advocate for passage of the DREAM Act.

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SABERS AND UTOPIAS: VISIONS OF LATIN AMERICA

by Mario Vargas Llosa

Written over five decades, these essays explore the social and political history of Latin

America and highlight Nobel Laureate Vargas Llosa's lifelong advocacy for freedom.

F1414.2 .V394513 2018

STRANGER: THE CHALLENGE OF A LATINO IMMIGRANT IN THE TRUMP ERA /

STRANGER: EL DESAFÍO DE UN INMIGRANTE LATINO EN LA ERA DE TRUMP

by Jorge Ramos

Journalist and Univision anchor Ramos explores why he and many other immigrants still feel unwelcome in the United States, despite immigrating many years ago.

JV6483 .R3713 2018X

El periodista y reportero de Univisión Ramos explora el por qué él y muchos otros inmigrantes aún se sienten como indeseables en los Estados Unidos, a pesar de haber inmigrado hace muchos años.

SPANISH JV6483 .R37 2018X

WHEN MONTEZUMA MET CORTÉS: THE TRUE STORY OF THE MEETING THAT CHANGED HISTORY

by Matthew Restall

Contesting the popular narrative of the last five centuries, Restall presents a new theory of what really happened between the Aztecs and conquistadors.

F1230.M6 R47 2018X

FICTION/FICCIÓN

BANG

by Daniel Peña

Undocumented immigrant Araceli returns to Mexico to search for her missing sons after their crop duster crashes on the Mexican side of the border.

FICTION PENA D

THE BEAUTIFUL DREAM OF LIFE

by Domingo Zapata

A world-famous painter in New York City becomes disenchanted with his extravagant lifestyle and finds solace in an imaginary dream woman, Carlotta.

FICTION ZAPATA D

A BEAUTIFUL YOUNG WOMAN

by Julián López

An Argentinian man reminisces about his childhood and the happy times spent with his mother before she became one of "the disappeared."

FICTION LOPEZ J

BUENOS AIRES NOIR

edited by Ernesto Mallo

The stories in this volume of the Noir series feature a wide range of characters, from multimillionaires in Puerto Madero to workers in the "misery cities."

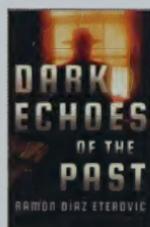
MYSTERY BUENOS AIRES NOIR

THE CHANDELIER

by Clarice Lispector

In this novel by the acclaimed Brazilian author, Virginia grows up in an isolated mansion and becomes overly attached to her brother.

FICTION LISPECTO C



DARK ECHOES OF THE PAST

by Ramón Díaz Eterovic

A Chilean detective investigates the death of an ex-political prisoner and is soon digging into the dark history of Pinochet's regime.

MYSTERY DIAZETER R

DEATH COMES IN THROUGH THE KITCHEN

by Teresa Dovalpage

Havana, 2003: Arriving to marry his fiancée, an American journalist discovers her dead body and becomes the authorities' prime suspect, prompting him to investigate what really happened.

MYSTERY DOVALPAG T

THE DIARIES OF EMILIO RENZI: FORMATIVE YEARS

by Ricardo Piglia

In this fictionalized autobiography, Piglia becomes his alter-ego Renzi, the Argentinian detective of his novels, and describes his life as a writer in the 1960s.

FICTION PIGLIA R

EVERYONE KNOWS YOU GO HOME

by Natalia Sylvester

The ghost of Isabel's father-in-law visits her every Day of the Dead, trying to enlist her help in redeeming himself for abandoning the family years ago.

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FLESH AND BONE AND WATER

by Luiza Sauma

A London doctor receives a letter which suddenly opens up a floodgate of memories from his childhood in Brazil and a romance with his family's maid.

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HAVANA LIBRE

by Robert Arellano

In 1997, a Cuban doctor is recruited as a spy and sent to Miami to find those responsible for a series of terrorist bombings.

MYSTERY ARELLANO R

THE HOUSE OF BROKEN ANGELS

by Luis Alberto Urrea

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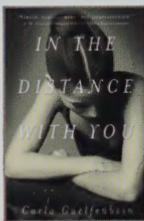
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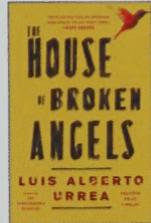
by Carla Guelfenbein

The life and death of a reclusive Chilean author is examined from three different perspectives: that of her neighbor, a fan, and her former lover.

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La vida y muerte de una solitaria autora chilena se analiza desde tres perspectivas distintas: la de su vecino, la de su admiradora y la de un ex-amante.

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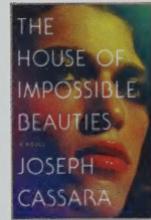
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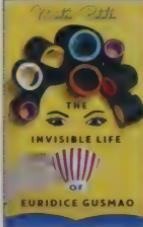
by Isabel Allende

A fateful fender bender turns Richard and Lucia into co-conspirators when they attempt to ensure the safety of an undocumented immigrant from Guatemala.

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Un golpe del destino convierte a Richard y a Lucía en cómplices cuando ellos intentan garantizar la seguridad de un inmigrante indocumentado de Guatemala.

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THE INVISIBLE LIFE OF EURIDICE GUSMAO

by Martha Batalha

In 1940s Brazil, a bored housewife dreams of fame and fortune but is discouraged by her more traditional husband, until her older sister unexpectedly returns.

FICTION BATALHA M

THE KING IS ALWAYS ABOVE THE PEOPLE: STORIES / EL REY SIEMPRE ESTÁ POR ENCIMA DEL PUEBLO

by Daniel Alarcón

With these stories of failed love, family sorrow, and tricky leave-takings, Alarcón presents unsettling experiences and high-stakes journeys.

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Con estas historias de amor fallido, de penas familiares y de despedidas complicadas, Alarcón nos presenta experiencias perturbadoras y viajes desafiantes.

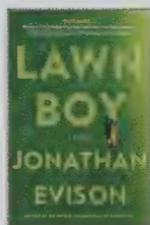
SPANISH FICTION ALARCON D

THE LAST GIRL

by Danny Lopez

Dexter Vega, a Florida journalist, is hired to find a man's missing daughter. But when that man is murdered, why are Vega's prints on the gun?

MYSTERY LOPEZ D



LAWN BOY

by Jonathan Evison

Faced with a life of menial labor, Mike Muñoz attempts to achieve the American dream but is constantly blocked by social class distinctions and cultural discrimination.

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THE LINDEN TREE

by César Aira

Aira presents anecdotes about his childhood memories in this fictionalized account of growing up in a small Argentine town during the Perón era.

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MY GERMAN BROTHER

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In 1960s São Paulo, Ciccio discovers an old letter that reveals he has a German brother and sets out to find him.

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by Mario Vargas Llosa

1990s, Peru: After Enrique refuses to invest in a tabloid magazine, naked photos of him appear on its cover. Days later, the paper's editor is murdered.

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1990s, Perú: Después de que Enrique se niega a invertir en una revista de prensa sensacionalista, aparecen en su portada unas fotografías de él mismo al desnudo. Unos días mas tarde, el editor de la revista es asesinado.

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NEXT YEAR IN HAVANA



by Chanel Cleeton

Marisol travels to Havana to honor her late grandmother's wishes and discovers her family's greatest secret, hidden since the Cuban Revolution.

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OUR DEAD WORLD

by Liliana Colanzi Serrate

With tales deeply rooted in the oral traditions of Bolivia, Colanzi offers a blend of folklore, magical realism, and speculative fiction.

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RETURN TO THE DARK VALLEY



by Santiago Gamboa

The Consul, Juana, and Tertullian unite in their native Colombia to help Manuela exact revenge on her childhood abuser.

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RIP CREW



by Sebastian Rotella

The former Tijuana chief of police and a Homeland Security agent team up to investigate who's been killing women from the Horn of Africa in a Mexican hotel.

FICTION ROTELLA S



ROBERTO TO THE DARK TOWER CAME



by Tom Epperson

A South American journalist will die in ten days if he doesn't leave his country—but then he is offered the scoop of a lifetime.

FICTION EPPERSON T



SAFE

by Ryan Gattis

Working as a safecracker for the DEA, Ricky Mendoza, a reformed gangbanger trying to repay a debt, is forced to commit one last heist.

FICTION GATTIS R

SÃO PAULO NOIR

edited by Tony Bellotto

Thirteen Brazilian authors delve into the hidden worlds and criminal habits of Latin America's most populous and diverse city.

MYSTERY SAO PAULO NOIR

THE SISTERS OF ALAMEDA STREET

by Lorena Hughes

In 1960s Ecuador, after her father's suicide, a woman infiltrates a family with a troubled past to seek out which of four secretive sisters is her birth mother.

FICTION HUGHES L

TOMB SONG

by Julián Herbert

As his mother lies dying of leukemia, Julián recalls her work as a prostitute, his itinerant childhood, and the fracturing of his atypical family.

FICTION HERBERT J

THE TOWER OF THE ANTILLES: SHORT STORIES

by Achy Obejas

Ten stories illuminate the lives of Cubans living on the island, those who immigrated to the United States, and others who return after years away.

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USELESSNESS

by Eduardo Lalo

An aspiring Puerto Rican writer moves to Paris to pursue his dreams but ultimately realizes he will never feel at home anywhere but in San Juan.

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